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CONTAINING SUTURE  
COATING**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**Sir:**

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 1, 2007, applicants request entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.**

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